

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 18, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice-Chairman Murphy at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

James J. Murphy, Jr
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Philip T. Ashton
Michael W. Klemens
Eileen M. Daily
Barbara Currier Bell

Council Members Absent:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Lisa Fontaine
Fiscal Administrative Officer

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of September 4, 2014.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 338 – TowerCo, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Request for Transfer.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the transfer of certificate from TowerCo, LLC to SBA Towers IV, LLC, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1101 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to install a stealth rooftop telecommunications tower on the roof of the existing building located at 79 Park Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Klemens, Dr. Bell, and Vice-Chairman Murphy stated for the record that they read the transcript of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice-Chairman Murphy conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Hannon, Dr. Bell, Dr. Klemens, and Vice-Chairman Murphy in favor of the proposed facility.

Vice-Chairman Murphy directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Council Member Eileen Daily arrived at 1:26 p.m.

PETITION NO. 1116 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company (“CL&P”) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to CL&P’s existing Canal Substation located at 168 Canal Street, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that CL&P provide a site plan with the following components:

- install a pre-cast concrete building, rather than the pre-fabricated sheet metal building, for security reasons;
- use soil excavated from within the substation to build a landscaped berm at the front of the substation to provide some additional visual screening; and
- provide an analysis to consolidate the two existing entrances.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CING-043-140822 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 886 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- The rooftop ballast mounts shall be installed as recommended in the Revised Structural Analysis Report prepared by Hudson Design Group dated February 14, 2014, and stamped by Daniel Hamm; and

- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a professional engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Biennium Budget.

Mr. Ashton moved to send the proposed operating budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for a 30-day comment period, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Report Update. Discussion.

Mr. Ashton moved that no action be taken on this item as the Council approved the current EMF-BMP's on February 20, 2014, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Report Update. Discussion.

Mr. Ashton moved that no action be taken on this item as the Council approved the current Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan on February 6, 2014, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

DOCKET NO. 402 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 16 Bell Road Extension, Cornwall, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate, Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the transfer of certificate from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to Construction Services of Branford, LLC, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the request for a 12-month extension until April 25, 2016, to complete construction of this project, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, September 30, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Petition No. 1104 (UI-Bridgeport) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 2, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 9, 2014, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 451 at the Cheshire Town Hall, Council Chambers, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 16, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 23, 2014, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** evidentiary hearing for Docket No. 448 (Cellco-Orange) in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, October 30, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

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